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POLICE ANNOUNCE ARREST IN PACIFIC BEACH HOMICIDE

(San Diego) San Diego Police Homicide Unit detectives are announcing the arrest of 35-year-old Sam Bonsu for the murder of Nathaniel Ward. The attack which led to Mr. Ward's death occurred eight days ago.

On May 24, 2008, at about 2:20 a.m., Nathaniel Ward, 25, was exiting a cab near his home in the 4400 block of Bond Street, when the suspect, Bonsu exited his vehicle and approached Ward and his three male companions. Sam Bonsu began to argue about a "near traffic accident" that took place a few blocks from Ward's residence. The suspect punched Ward and his male friend in the face causing both victims to fall to the ground. Bonsu then fled the scene in his silver colored Scion vehicle. Paramedics transported Nathaniel Ward to a local hospital, where his condition deteriorated throughout the week. Mr. Ward died on Thursday May 29th, at 10:20 a.m.

Today, at about 6:30 p.m., accompanied by his legal counsel, Sam Bonsu surrendered to authorities at the San Diego Police Department Headquarters building. He was later booked into County Jail for one count of murder.

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